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- 2) Marked-up copy of corrected Filing Receipt (3 pages);
- 3) Marked-up copy of Notice of Acceptance (2 pages)
- 4) Copy of executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages); and
- 5) Copy of Preliminary Amendment (6 pages).

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Patent Application
Docket No. SPO-121
Serial No. 10/535,585
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Applicants : Kisae Kume *et al.*
Serial No. : 10/535,585
Filed : May 18, 2005
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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT &
REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

Sir:

The applicants respectfully request the correction of errors in the Official Filing Receipt and Notice of Acceptance for the above-identified patent application. The corrections needed are as follows:

Foreign Applications

JAPAN 2002-339948 11/21/2003

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Please note that claims 1, 9 and 17 are independent claims. The claims pending in the subject application are the claims listed in the Preliminary Amendment that was submitted with the subject application for filing on May 18, 2005.

The Notice of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 indicates that the U.S. Receiving Office received Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on May 18, 2005. Applicants note that the subject application does not include a sequence listing and that no sequence listing was filed with the subject application. Applicants respectfully request a corrected Notice of Acceptance of Application indicating no sequence listing.

The applicants are attaching herewith copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney form as well as a copy of the Preliminary Amendment. Also marked-up copies of the Official Filing Receipt and Notice of Acceptance that indicate the corrections needed accompanies this Request. Correction of the above is respectfully requested.

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Serial No. 10/535,585

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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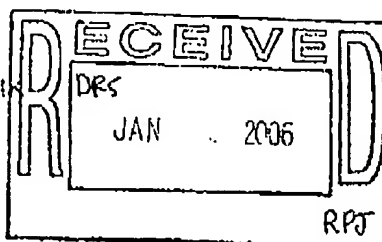


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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP03/14918 11/21/2003

Foreign Applications

JAPAN 2002-339948 11/24/2002

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/535,585**

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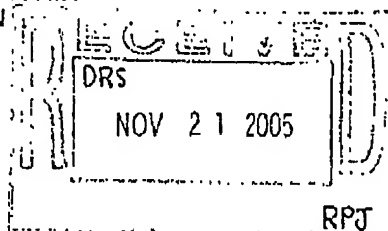
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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

<u>08/10/2005</u>	<u>08/10/2005</u>
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/18/2005
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- Copy of IPE Report filed on 05/18/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/18/2005
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FORM PCT/DO/EO/903 (371 Acceptance Notice)

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DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.63) AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Nutritional Compositions**, specification for which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed November 21, 2003, International Application No. PCT/JP2003/014918.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 (a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 and/or §365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Application Serial No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
2002-339948	JP	November 22, 2002	Yes

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any provisional application(s) for patent listed below:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 and/or §365 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint the following persons registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office as my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and all divisions and continuations thereof and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith who are associated with Customer Number 23557.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/JP2003/014918. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.

In the Specification

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, above line 2 after the Title:

This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/JP2003/014918, filed November 21, 2003; which claims priority to Japanese Application No. 2002-339948, filed November 22, 2002.

In the claims

The following amendments are made with respect to the claims in the International application PCT/JP2003/014918.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Claims

1 (Original). A nutritional composition for liver disease patients comprising: a milk protein hydrolysate and a protein derived from fermented milk as proteins; a high oleic acid-containing oil and milk lecithin and/or soybean lecithin as lipids; and palatinose as a carbohydrate.

2 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 1, wherein said milk protein is selected from the group consisting of casein, a milk protein concentrate (MPC), a whey protein concentrate (WPC), a whey protein isolate (WPI), α -lactalbumin, β -lactoglobulin, and lactoferrin.

3 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 1, wherein said fermented milk-derived protein is from a composition in which the whey in fermented milk has been reduced.

4 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 1, wherein said fermented milk-derived protein is from fresh cheese.

5 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 4, wherein said fresh cheese is quark.

6 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 1, wherein said milk protein hydrolysate may be obtained by hydrolyzing a whey protein isolate (WPI) with alkalase from *Bacillus licheniformis*, and trypsin from a porcine pancreas.

7 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 6, which is a permeate obtained by further treatment with an ultrafiltration membrane having a fractionation molecular weight of 10,000.

8 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 7, wherein the chromatogram from reverse phase HPLC separation is shown in Fig. 1.

9 (Original). A nutritional composition for patients under high levels of invasive stress, wherein said nutritional composition comprises: a milk protein hydrolysate and a protein derived from fermented milk as proteins; a high oleic acid-containing oil and milk lecithin and/or soybean lecithin as lipids; and palatinose as a carbohydrate.

10 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 9, wherein said milk protein is selected from the group consisting of casein, a milk protein concentrate (MPC), a whey protein concentrate (WPC), a whey protein isolate (WPI), α -lactalbumin, β -lactoglobulin, and lactoferrin.

11 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 9, wherein said fermented milk-derived protein is from a composition in which the whey in the fermented milk has been reduced.

12 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 9, wherein said fermented milk-derived protein is from fresh cheese.

13 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 12, wherein said fresh cheese is quark.

14 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 9, wherein said milk protein hydrolysate may be obtained by hydrolyzing a whey protein isolate (WPI) with alkalase derived from *Bacillus licheniformis*, and trypsin from a porcine pancreas.

15 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 14, which is a permeate obtained by further treatment with an ultrafiltration membrane having a fractionation molecular weight of 10,000.

16 (Original). The nutritional composition according to claim 15, wherein the chromatogram from reverse phase HPLC separation is shown in Fig. 1.

17 (New). A method for providing nutrition to a patient having liver disease and/or a high level of invasive stress, wherein said method comprises administering, to such a patient, a nutritional composition that comprises:

a milk protein hydrolysate and a protein derived from fermented milk as proteins; a high oleic acid-containing oil and milk lecithin and/or soybean lecithin as lipids; and palatinose as a carbohydrate.

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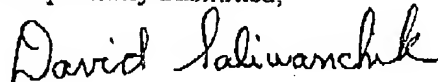
Remarks

This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/JP2003/014918. By this amendment, the subject specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to a related application section.

Claims 1-16 were pending in the international patent application. By this Amendment, the applicants have added new claim 17. Accordingly, claims 1-17 are pending in the subject application. No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§§1.16, 1.17, or 1.492 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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